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Addendum to my Memorandum for Mr. []
"Some Thoughts Regarding General Reynolds' Study,"
18 July 1968

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1. General Carroll, Director of DIA, in a letter of 14 April 1965 to [] the then Chairman of COMOR, stated "I fully agree that the overall responsiveness of NRO to USIB approved MC&G requirements, the integration of MC&G requirements with other collection requirements, the impact of these requirements on the means of their fulfillment, and the overall DoD justification for application of satellite resources to MC&G requirements are all responsibilities of proper concern to COMOR." He notes that DoD Directive 5105.27 "assigns to DIA responsibility for determining, ranking and assigning MC&G requirements, and similarly cites DIA responsibilities for determining area requirements and product requirements." But he "agreed to the formation of a MC&G Working Group."

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2. Recently there has been some effort to initiate reconsideration of the role of MC&G, including its military aspects, as an essential element of intelligence of concern to the intelligence community as a whole, but to date the intent of DoD Directive 5105.27 seems to prevail.

3. The recommendation to the first conclusion of General Reynolds' draft study restricts somewhat the extent of USIB approval implied in the first quote for General Carroll's letter in paragraph 1 above.

4. Regarding comments I made under paragraph 2 e. of my memorandum to which this is an addendum, the DCI wrote a letter to [] on 20 March 1968 stating that he "would appreciate being informed of any new applications for this /satellite/ photography developed by [] which could be useful in intelligence analysis." He said that he had two main concerns: (1) his "responsibility for protection of this vital source of intelligence;" and (2) "that any use

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of this material for civilian purposes not compete with the intelligence or exploitation of satellite photography for intelligence purposes." [] in his minutes of the [] Steering Committee Meeting of 10 June 1968, interpreted the DCI's letter as an endorsement of the activity of concern to the [] Steering Committee. In his words, this Committee is "to oversee the further development of these possibilities use of photography from existing reconnaissance satellites/ and to act as an interface between the civilian agencies and the intelligence community in matters concerning these applications." Later in the minutes [] states that one of the Committee's activities will be directed toward: "Reviewing the results of the studies and submitting justifications for data collection to COMIREX."

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